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- 1. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REF A, CHARGE OUTLINED TO TURKISH PERMREP KIRCA JUNE 14 US INTERPRETATION OF INTRODUCTION AND DEFEAT OF FINDLEY MOTION.
- 2. KIRCA LISTENED ATTENTIVELY BUT NOTED ROOT PROBLEM IS THAT ANKARA IS NOT CONVINCED OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S FUND-AMENTAL WILLINGNESS TO PRESS CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH DCA. THIS VIEW, HE SAID, LEADS TO A GENERAL ASSESSMENT IN ANKARA OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT IS "NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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VERY POSITIVE" AND THAT LAY BEHIND THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH THE TURKISH DELEGATION CIRCULATED AT NATO. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, KIRCA SAID HE THOUGHT CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY HAD MADE A TACTICAL ERROR IN INTRODUCING THE MOTION WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, A POINT HE SAID HE HAD MADE TO FINDLEY DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO BRUSSELS.

3. KIRCA ALSO OBSERVED THAT A COALITION BETWEEN THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND TURKES' NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY MIGHT OFFER ECEVIT A WAY OUT, SHORT OF A GRAND COALITION, WHICH KIRCA VIEWED AS PREFERABLE IF ECEVIT AND DEMIREL COULD AGREE. KIRCA URGED THAT WE NOT BE OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT TURKES, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS MODERATE IN GOVERNMENT COUNCILS IN HIS APPROACH TO GREECE-TURKEY AND CYPRUS ISSUES, A SUPPORTER OF NATO AND FULLY AWARE OF THE SOVIET THREAT. KIRCA ALSO NOTED THAT EUROPEAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, ESPECIALLY THE SPD, MIGHT USEFULLY INFLUENCE ECEVIT IN THE DIRECTION OF A GRAND COALITION. STREATOR

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